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## ONE GREAT BATTLESHIP WILL BE BUILT HERE

**Newport News Company Submitted Bid Nearly Half Million Dollars Lower Than Any Other.**

**FORE RIVER PLANT GETS ONE**

**Act of Congress Authorizing Construction of Two "Skeer-o'Nothin's" Provided That Both Should Not be Built at Same Place, or Local Plant Would Have Landed Both Contracts--**

**Description of Vessel.**

One of the two mammoth 20,000 ton battleships recently authorized for the United States navy will be built in this city, the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company having yesterday agreed with the navy department to construct one of the vessels for nearly a half million dollars less than any of the other shipbuilding companies bidding. The bid of the local yard was \$3,987,000. The next lowest bid for reciprocal engines was \$4,450,000, submitted by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, of Quincy, Mass., which company will construct the other ship. The vessels are to be completed within thirty-six months.

Soon after the bids on the big battleships were opened in Washington, D. C., at noon yesterday, the shipyard officials here received a telegram announcing that this yard had landed the contract for one of the new vessels. The news spread rapidly through the main office of the yard and in a short time it was generally known throughout the city. Everywhere the news was received with rejoicing, for it was generally recognized that the yard was badly in need of one of the ships. The yard officials now in the city expressed great satisfaction over the triumph of the company.

**Bids Surprisingly Low**  
The officials of the navy department and shipbuilding men at large were surprised at the lowness of the bids, and especially of the bids of the Newport News company. It is pointed out that the bid of the local company was \$123,000 less than the company's bid on the 16,000 ton battleship Minnesota, completed about three months ago, and \$3,000 less than the contract price of the 16,000 ton battleship Louisiana, built by this yard in competition with the New York navy yard.

Representing the local shipyard when the bids were opened at the navy department were: General Manager Walter A. Post, Assistant General Manager A. L. Hopkins, Assistant Chief Engineer Fred P. Palen, Naval Architect William Gatewood and Attorney R. G. Bickford. These officials will return to the city this morning.

With the bids from the private shipbuilders were received special bids from the naval constructors at the New York and Mare Island navy yards, prepared by the direction of the navy department as a check on the private builders. The figures of these bids have not been made public, but it is known that they were considerably in excess of the bids of the private builders.

**Four Yards in Bidding.**  
Only four private yards submitted estimates on the ships and each of them made two separate estimates, one on a vessel equipped with reciprocal engines and the other on a vessel equipped with turbines. The bid of the local yard on turbines was \$4,100,000, while that of the Fore River Company was \$4,377,000. The New York Shipbuilding Company's bid was \$4,545,000 on reciprocal and \$4,530,000 on turbine engines. The William Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Company, the fourth bidder, bid \$5,100,000 on reciprocal and \$5,050,000 on turbine engines.

**Many Bids Submitted.**  
The bidding itself was necessarily complex; the builders freely availing themselves of the department's permission to submit all sorts of combinations and alternative plans. These included straight bids on the battleships of the standard type with reciprocal engines designed by the navy department itself; original bidder's designs and combinations of the department's hull plans with turbine engines, some with and some without separate cruising turbines.

The Newport News Company submitted no less than seven sets of plans and they were generally the lowest at all points and with all combinations. But as the law provides that no company shall receive the contract for more than one ship, the second lowest bidder also is assured an award in this case, the company being the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass.

The lowest bids in substance were

as follows:

Fore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass., one ship on the department's plans to be delivered in 36 months, \$4,377,000. Hull and equipment on the department's plans; Bidders Curtis Turbine engines \$4,377,400 (cruising turbines not required in this type).

**Bids of Local Yard.**

Newport News Shipbuilding Company, department's designs, \$3,987,000. Department's hull and equipment, bidder's Parsons Turbine engines; Thorn Cliff Schultz boilers, \$4,100,000, including cruising turbines. Another design, same hull and turbines \$4,050,000, including cruising turbines.

The bids have been referred for examination to the board of naval construction which will recommend proper awards.

**Designed by Bureau of Construction.**  
In response to the invitations of the navy department there were submitted several months ago various designs and sketches for the proposed vessels from shipbuilding and naval constructors. These were submitted to a naval board on designs, of which Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry was chairman, and after carefully examining all sketches and designs that board reported that the 510 foot design, prepared by the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department, was the most suitable.

This board gave the opinion that a battleship constructed on this design would carry as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of its class in the world, and could develop a speed of 21 knots an hour on trial. The design calls for a ship measuring about 510 feet on the waterline and about 515 feet overall. The beam will be about 85 feet 2 5/8 inches and the draft at full load will be about 30 feet.

**Carry Ten 12-inch Guns.**

The armament will be as follows: Main battery—Ten 12-inch guns. Secondary battery—Fourteen 5-inch rapid-fire guns; four 3-pounder saluting guns; four 1-pounder semi-auto-

matic guns; two 3-inch field pieces; two machine guns, 30-calibre; two submerged torpedo tubes.

The arrangement of the main battery guns is such as to permit a broadside fire 25 per cent. greater than that of the broadside fire of any battleship yet built, or so far as known under construction, for any navy of the world. The average elevation of the axis of these guns will be greater than that of any known battleship, thus affording a distance advantage in long-range firing under all conditions of weather.

**Protected by 11-inch Armor.**

The hulls of the vessels are to be protected by waterline belt of armor eight feet in width and extending from stem to stern. The armor will be 11 inches in thickness amidships, and will taper to four inches in thickness at the stem and stern. This belt will give effective protection to the boilers, machinery and magazine space.

Above the main armor belt the hull amidships will be protected by a belt of armor seven feet and 2 inches wide and of a maximum thickness of ten inches. Above the main casement belt amidships the hull is covered by armor five inches in thickness, which affords protection to the smokestacks, the major portion of the secondary battery, and the hull structure.

Suitable athwart ship and diagonal bulkheads are to be located at the extremities of the belt and casement armor and a protective deck of suitable thickness is provided throughout the length of the vessel.

The design contemplates an arrangement for the installation of either reciprocating or turbine engines and the naval board has not yet decided which type will be used, but in all probability reciprocating engines will be installed in both vessels.

**Open Bids on Armor.**

Bids were also opened for supplying the armor needed for the two big battleships. For the armor, which is divided into four classes on the basis of the difficulty of the shapes required, the Midvale Steel Company appeared to be the lowest bidder for the largest class; that is, 7,556 tons of class A at \$410 per ton. For this class the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies, each bid \$420. For 952 tons of armor in class B the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies each bid \$400 per ton, while the Midvale bid was \$410. For 332 tons of class C armor, the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies each bid \$400 and the Midvale \$410. For 1,076 tons of class D armor the Bethlehem bid \$400; Midvale \$410.

**Action Against Atlantic Coast Line.**

(By Associated Press.)  
VALDOSTA, GA., June 20.—The United States government today entered against the Atlantic Coast Line for violation of the law requiring rolling stock to be equipped with safety appliances. The case will be heard by Judge Speer next December.

**Ill Health Drove Him to Death.**

MACON, GA., June 20.—N. D. Coblin, general manager of the Macon Grocery Company and one of the wealthiest citizens of Macon, committed suicide in the bath room at his residence in Vineville, today by shooting himself in the head with a shot gun. Ill health and a general nervous breakdown is the cause assigned for the shooting.

**Col. Henry H. Hall Dead.**

AIKEN, S. C., June 20.—Colonel Henry Harrison Hall, a prominent Confederate veteran, a great grandson of President William Henry Harrison and a second cousin of President Benjamin Harrison, died here today. He was 59 years old.

## Exposition Program for Today

North Carolina Teachers' Day.  
Travellers' Protective Association.  
Institute of Homeopathy.  
Alpha Gamma Fraternity.  
Virginia Bankers.  
8:00 a. m.—Gates open.  
8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Drill by Twenty-third Infantry.  
10:00 a. m.—And hourly thereafter exhibition of weather bureau and earthquake record, Government building A.  
10:30 a. m.—Guardmount Twenty-third Infantry.  
1:00 p. m.—Preparation of large weather map from reports from all sections of the country, Government building A.  
1:00 p. m.—Biographic and Stereopticon exhibition, scenes on Indian Reservation with lecture, Interior Department, Government building A.  
2:00 p. m.—Organ Recital, Mr. Price Mustin, Auditorium.  
2:00 p. m.—Phinney's Band Concert, Grandstand, Lee Parade.  
2:00 p. m.—Biographic exhibition and lecture, scenes in Yosemite Valley, Government building A.  
2:30 p. m.—United States Life Saving Service Drill at Station.  
3:00 p. m.—Biographic exhibition and lecture, Yellowstone National Park with lecture by E. C. Culver, Government building A.  
4:30 p. m.—Piano Recital by Mr. S. M. Faldan, Auditorium.  
5:00 p. m.—Dress Parade, Twenty-third Infantry.  
8:00 p. m.—Phinney's Band Concert, Auditorium.  
8:00 p. m.—Piano Recital between parts of the Band Concert.

## OFFICERS BATTLE WITH MOONSHINERS

**Mountains in Stokes County, North Carolina, Scene of Short But Sharp Conflict.**

## TEN WHISKEY-MAKERS CAPTURED

One of the Stillers Said to Have Been Killed and Another Wounded  
—Government Secured Its Information Through a Spy Who Acted as Inspector of Rural Mail Route.

(By Associated Press.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., June 20.—In a battle between moonshiners and revenue officers in the mountains of Stokes county yesterday it is reported that one moonshiner was killed and another wounded. This part of the story, however, is not confirmed.

Ten of the illicit whiskey makers, however, were captured, and they are now confined in the jail of Surry county in default of \$1,000 bail each. The men captured are John Young, Oscar Smith, Ed Frazier, Frank Cardwell, Thos. Shelton, John, Jim and O. Williams, the three last named being brothers. The men were rounded up by large party or revenue officers and having no opportunity to escape opened fire, which the officers returned.

Before the fight took place the officers arrested a number of women and children to prevent them spreading news of the raid. They were released afterwards. It is said that the locality of the blockade distillery in Stokes county was learned by a government detective who spent several weeks in the county in the guise of an inspector of rural delivery mail routes.

## NEALON, RANK OUTSIDER WINS THE BIG SUBURBAN

**Western Horse Takes the Event Much to the Surprise of the Bookies and Bettors.**

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, June 20.—Nealon, a western horse, owned by C. F. Durnell, ridden by Jockey W. Dugan and started at 20 to 1 won the great Suburban handicap at Sheepshead Bay today. Montgomery was second, two lengths behind the winner, with Beacon Light third. The time was 2:04 2/5. The track was lightning fast. Electioneer, the favorite, and the heavily played Keene entry, Supremacy and Evil were badly beaten. Nealon is a four year old by Sain out of Sister Josephine and was bred in Missouri by Barney Schreiber. He was coupled with Faust in the betting and his victory was a surprise to horsemen. It was with a rare burst of speed in the stretch that Nealon flashed out of a flying field of ten horses and sped across the finish line with 30,000 people cheering him as the winner of the \$20,000 prize and the highest turf honors.

## PENNSYLVANIANS UNVEIL MONUMENT AT CRATER

Governors Stuart and Swanson Deliver Addresses—Tablets Also Placed on Noted Field.

PETERSBURG, VA., June 20.—An imposing bronze statue to the memory of Colonel Govan and other mem-

bers of the Forty-eighth Pennsylvania regiment of volunteers, who were killed in the battle of Petersburg in the Confederate war, was unveiled today. The business districts of Petersburg were lavishly decorated in honor of the occasion and many of the stores closed for the day.

The statue is on the Davis farm on what is known as the Jerusalem plank road, near Fort Mahone, a short distance from this city.

Governors Swanson, of Virginia, and Stuart, of Pennsylvania, the latter with his staff, were among the prominent participants in the exercises.

## RIOT IN T. P. A. CONVENTION WAS NARROWLY AVERTED

Delegates Enraged Because President Declared Body Adjourn—"Dark Horse" Finally Elected.

(By Associated Press.)  
NORFOLK, VA., June 21.—1:30 a. m.—W. R. Johnson, of Tennessee, a "dark horse" in elected president of the Travellers' Protective Association. The Iowa delegation, at the last moment, shifted their vote and elected him to prevent election of Howe.

NORFOLK, VA., June 20.—Believing that President Howe had declared a motion to adjourn carried, to postpone the election of officers until tomorrow in the furtherance of his own candidacy, a small sized riot has just occurred in the night session of the Travellers' Protective Association convention and Howe was saved from mobbing only by the prompt action of cooler heads.

Chaplain Homer T. Wilson saved serious trouble by gaining attention for a moment and then asking the fifteen hundred men present to join him in a divine invocation. A roll was finally secured and the adjournment motion defeated.

**About \$20,000 Short in His Accounts.**

(By Associated Press.)  
MILWAUKEE, WIS., June 20.—Frank E. Wooley, clerk of the Municipal and District Courts has been found to be short \$20,000 in his accounts. Wooley is said to be at a summer resort within a few miles of Milwaukee.

**Cleveland Ill. But Better Now.**

(By Associated Press.)  
PRINCETON, N. J., June 20.—It was announced at the home of former President Cleveland, who has been reported seriously ill that his condition today was much improved. The family declined to discuss the former president's illness, but it is known that he has been ailing for several days with intestinal trouble.

**Incubator Lamp Causes Big Blaze.**

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., June 20.—Fire last evening destroyed the home and several outbuildings belonging to A. J. Dare, near Sereenaville, Spotsylvania county. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in an incubator. No one was at home at the time of the fire. Loss, \$2,500; no insurance.

**Woodward Moses.**

Mrs. Blanch Vaughan Woodward and Mr. William Moses Farmer, both of Wilson, N. C., were quietly married at 11 o'clock yesterday by Rev. W. Asbury Christian, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, at the home of Mr. W. W. Harwood, 5409 Huntington avenue.

## KILLED WHOLE FAMILY

**Murders Wife, and Three Children and Then Kills Himself.**

## DOMESTIC TROUBLES THE CAUSE

Upon Returning to His Home W. W.

Barton of Jasper, Fla., Found the Door Nailed Against Him, But He Gained Entrance.

ATLANTA, GA., June 20.—A special to the Journal from Jasper, Fla., says W. W. Barton, a carpenter, shot and almost instantly killed his wife three children and himself at his home there last night. One victim a child five years of age, survived long enough to tell that Barton did the killing. The shots were heard about 10 o'clock but no attention was paid to the matter until early today when neighbors discovered Barton's body lying on the front porch and that of his wife on the back porch.

The children were found in a room, the pistol having been held close to the body in each instance and the faces were powder marked. Domestic relations were believed to have been responsible for the crime. Barton left home Tuesday and did not return until late Wednesday evening when he found the doors nailed against him. He battered them down and began his work of destruction.

## MINERS' PAPER BITTER AGAINST STUENENBERG

**Violent Denunciations of Governor in Federation's Organ Admitted as Evidence.**

## STATE MAY CLOSE CASE TODAY

Announced That It Would Offer Last

Testimony This Morning But Some

New and Important Evidence May

Change Plans—Prosecution Scores

Several Points Against Prisoner.

(By Associated Press.)

BOISE IDAHO, June 20.—Unless there should be unforeseen delay in securing a few final pieces of evidence the state will tomorrow close its case against William D. Haywood, who is charged with the murder of Frank Steunenberg. This announcement was made today by Senator Borah, of the prosecution, and when Clarence Darrow of the defense took up the discussion of the arrangement of time he made it very clear that directly after state closes, he and his associates would move the court for an instruction directing a verdict of acquittal. It is now anticipated that the state will close at noon; that the afternoon session will be devoted to argument of the expected motion of the defense for the discharge of the prisoner, and if the court rules adversely on the motion the opening statement in behalf of Haywood will be made by Mr. Darrow on Saturday.

The prosecution succeeded today in again showing a direct connection between the story of Pettibone in Denver and Harry Orchard at work on the Bradley crime in San Francisco, and promised to make the connection with Pettibone personally by handwriting experts who will be called tomorrow. Original records of the Pacific Postal Telegraph Company were produced showing that in September-October, 1904, remittances of \$97.50 and \$48 respectively were made, the first by "J. Wolfe" and the second by "P. Bone" from 1725 Stout street, Denver; the address of Pettibone's store to "H. Green" in care of Peter L. Huff, at 211 Taylor street, San Francisco.

**Federation's Official Organ Bitter.**  
Judge Wood admitted many of the strongest worded articles of the Miners' Magazine in which Frank Steunenberg was bitterly denounced and as one after another they were let in, Borah read them to the jury. These were admitted as showing animus against Justice Goddard and Cabbot of the Supreme Court of Colorado whom Harry Orchard swore he intended to kill.

The state introduced in evidence the decision of those judges on the Colorado eight hour law and the habeas corpus applications of Charles H. Moyer, the defense insisted that Borah read every word in both decisions and the first, which took 45 minutes to go over, was read before the noon recess and cleared the court of all save those whose duty required them to stay.

The other was read with like effect soon after adjournment for the day. Then Attorney Richardson and Darrow called for the dissenting opinion in the Moyer case as a matter of fairness, and demanded that Borah read that also. Judge Wood took pity on the weary reader, however, and said that if the defense wanted the dissenting opinion it must designate one of its counsel to read it. Mr. Darrow was selected as reader, but he will not be heard until tomorrow.

**Important Evidence Discovered.**  
It was stated tonight that the prosecution had received a telegram from Denver showing that the date on the draft for \$100 sent by William D. Haywood to Jack Simpkins was December 21, 1905. Orchard testified that when Simpkins left Caldwell, after the first attempt on the life of Frank Steunenberg, he asked him to get \$100 for him. The unsigned letter which Orchard got at Caldwell after his arrest which he sent was written by George Pettibone, one of the confederates informed him that "That" had been sent to "Jack" on December 21, 1905, and that he should have received it. The state produced the drafts sent on some date in December, 1905, but the particular day could not be made out because the second figure had been cut out by the perforator.

Detectives were detailed to trace further the \$100 draft and the telegram from Denver today stated that the bank records show that December 21 was the date of issue. The testimony is of such importance that the state may delay closing its case until it can produce it, or it may close with the reservation that it be permitted to make later proof.